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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/206,132

TUMOR CELLS MODIFIED TO EXPRESS B7-2 WITH INCREASED

IMMUNOGENICITY AND USES THEREFOR
Applicant(s): Gordon J. Freeman et al.

Applicant(s): Filed:

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following documents:

- 1. Response to Restriction Requirement;
- 2. Request for Three-Month Extension of Time;
- 3. Check for \$890.00 (to cover extension fees); and
- 4. Return postcard.

Please charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. The undersigned requests any extensions of time necessary to respond. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on November 17, 2000. A separate petition for a three-month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith.

Applicants hereby elect Group II (claims 61-63, 71-74 and 76-87) without traverse. Claims 61-63, 71-74 and 76-87 are drawn to a method for treating a subject with a tumor by modifying tumor cells *in vivo* and a method of modifying a tumor cell *in vivo*, classified in class 514, subclass 44.

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would help expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' attorney at (617) 227-7400.

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